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REMARKS

Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

Currently, claims 1-15 and 17-23 are pending. Claim 16 was canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-23 were added by this amendment.

Initially, Applicant notes that claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 15 rather than claim 16 as claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice herein. Applicant further notes that minor clarification amendments have been made to claims 12, 17, 19 and 20.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,039,611 to Yang.

Claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice and, therefore, Applicant contends that the rejection with regard to claim 16 is now moot.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection with regard to claims 1-15 and 17-21, and requests reconsideration and allowance of these claims. Applicant has amended each of the independent claims, namely, claims 1, 9, 15 and 21, to specify that the tail of each terminal extends out of a rear side of the connector body, and to specify that the cavity extends between the front and rear sides of the connector body. Thus, the tails ***are not positioned*** within the cavity of the connector body. Conversely, the tail of each terminal (11) in Yang ***is positioned*** within the cavity of the connector body (1). The Examiner defined the cavity in the Office Action by stating, "the connector body (1) comprising a cavity (between 12) within the connector body (1)". Thus, each and every element as set forth in independent claims 1, 9, 15 and 21 is not found, either expressly or inherently, in Yang. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of independent claims 1, 9, 15 and 21.

As Applicant is of the opinion that independent claims 1, 9, 15 and 21 are now in condition

for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-8, which are ultimately dependent on claim 1, claims 10-14, which are ultimately dependent on claim 9, and claims 17-20, which are ultimately dependent on claim 15.

Applicant has added new independent claims 22-23. Applicant is of the opinion that these claims are not anticipated, nor rendered obvious, by Yang. Consideration and allowance of claims 22-23 is respectfully requested.

A version of any amended claims, on separate pages from the amendment, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the claims (underlining or bracketing) is also provided herewith in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

A clean version (no underlining and bracketing) of the entire set of pending claims, on separate pages from the amendment, is also provided herewith as detailed in 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(3).

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections of the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS IN CONFORMANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Once Amended) An electrical connector for use with an electrical cable having a plurality of wires, the electrical connector comprising:

a connector body, the connector body comprising a front side, a rear side, a cavity between said front side and said rear side [within said connector body], a plurality of terminal passageways, and a plurality of terminals respectively received within the terminal passageways, the terminals each having a tail extended out of [one end] said rear side of the connector body; and

a wire management member, the wire management including a body portion having an end face, said body portion adapted to support the tail of each of the terminals, the wire management member comprising a projection rod projecting from [an] said end face of the body portion, the projection rod being received within the connector body cavity.

9. (Once Amended) A cable assembly, the assembly comprising:

a connector body, the connector body comprising a front side, a rear side, a cavity between said front side and said rear side, a plurality of terminal slots, and a plurality of terminals respectively mounted in the terminal slots, the terminals each having a tail extended out of [a] said rear side of the connector body;

a cable, the cable comprising a plurality of wires respectively electrically soldered to the tail of each of the terminals; and

a wire management member, the wire management member having an end face and being adapted to support the tail of each of the terminals, the wire management member comprising a projection rod projecting from [an] said end face of the wire management member, the projection rod being received within the connector body cavity.

12. (Once Amended) The cable assembly of claim 9 wherein the wire management member [body portion] comprises a plurality of platforms, each of the platforms comprising a plurality of terminal grooves adapted to receive the tail of each of the terminals.

15. (Once Amended) A wire management member for use with an electrical connector having a connector body, the connector body comprising a front side, a rear side, a cavity between said front side and said rear side, a plurality of terminal slots, and a plurality of terminals respectively mounted in the terminal slots, the terminals each having a tail extended out of [a] said rear side of the connector body, the wire management member comprising:

a body portion, the body portion having an end face, said body portion including a plurality of terminal grooves, the terminal grooves being adapted to receive the tail of each of the terminals; and

a projection rod, the projection rod projecting from [an] said end face of the body portion, the projection rod being adapted to be received within the connector body cavity.

17. (Once Amended) The wire management member of claim 15 wherein the [wire management member] body portion includes a plurality of wire grooves, the wire grooves adapted to receive [the] wires of [the] a cable for enabling the wires of the cable to be respectively electrically soldered to the tail of each of the terminals.

18. (Once Amended) The wire management member of claim [16] 15 wherein the wire management member comprises a plurality of ribs respectively disposed between two adjacent terminal grooves above the elevation of the tail of the terminals.

19. (Once Amended) The wire management member of claim 15 wherein the [wire management member] body portion comprises a plurality of platforms, at least one of the platforms comprising a plurality of terminal grooves adapted to receive the tail of each of the terminals.

20. (Once Amended) The wire management member of claim 19 wherein at least one of the platforms comprises a plurality of wire grooves adapted to receive [the] wires of [the] a cable.

21. (Once Amended) An electrical connector for use with an electrical cable having a plurality of wires, the electrical connector comprising:

a connector body, the connector body comprising a front side, a rear side, a cavity between said front side and said rear side [within said connector body], a plurality of terminal passageways, and a plurality of terminals respectively received within the terminal passageways, the terminals each having a tail extended out of [one end] said rear side of the connector body; and

a wire management member, the wire management member including a body portion having an end face, said body portion adapted to support the tail of each of the terminals and at least one wire groove for receiving at least one of the plurality of wires, the wire management member comprising a projection rod projecting from [an] said end face of the body portion, the projection rod being received within the connector body cavity.

22. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 1, wherein the cavity is provided below the plurality of terminal passageways.

23. (New) An electrical connector for use with an electrical cable having a plurality of wires, the electrical connector comprising:

a connector body, the connector body comprising a front side, a rear side, a cavity between said front side and said rear side, a plurality of terminal passageways, and a plurality of terminals respectively received within the terminal passageways, the terminals each having a tail extended out of said rear side of the connector body with a first portion of the terminals extending a distance further from the rear side of the connector body than a second portion of the terminals; and

a wire management member, the wire management including a body portion having a front side and a rear side, said body portion adapted to support the tail of each of the terminals, the body portion formed to have a first platform and a second platform, the first platform adapted to support the first portion of the terminals and the second platform adapted to support the second portion of the terminals, the first platform being provided proximate to the rear side of the body portion and the second platform being provided proximate to the front side of the body portion wherein the front side of the body portion faces the rear side of the connector body.